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1. (Unclassified - JGO) Received a call from Mr. John Pearson, Office of Management and Budget, concerning enrolled bill H. R. 3929, for the relief of [REDACTED] Mr. Pearson told me that the Agency had apparently been overlooked in their request for recommendations to the President. Mr. Pearson will note the Agency recommendation for approval in the comments to the President. No further Agency action is required.

2. (Internal Use Only - JGO) In response to an earlier call to Mr. Maury from a Mr. Robert Roland, in the office of Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Texas), I talked to Mr. George Lowrance, Special Assistant to the Senator. (Mr. Lowrance is a former member of the Office of General Counsel.) Mr. Lowrance told me that the Senator is very concerned about the Pentagon papers that have been transmitted to the Senate and has undertaken a personal project looking into the classification and declassification procedures of all Government agencies and requests that his staff be allowed to review classified as well as unclassified internal Agency rules and regulations implementing the provisions of Executive Order 10501. I thanked Mr. Lowrance for the information and told him I would be back in touch as soon as possible. [REDACTED] have been advised.

3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) I talked to Colonel C. S. Freed, DIA, concerning declassification of the testimony on Cuba referenced in the unclassified NSC memorandum of 24 June 1971. Colonel Freed told me that the testimony related to Soviet naval activities and construction in Cienfuegos and that [REDACTED] DDI, had been a participant in a meeting at the White House in January for review and declassification of the testimony given by DIA before House Foreign Affairs Committee and House Armed Services Committee. Testimony before House Foreign Affairs by Undersecretary Johnson will continue to be classified. Since the CIA had participated in the original review of the transcripts, it was not deemed necessary to recoordinate at this time. I thanked Colonel Freed for the information. Messrs. [REDACTED] have been advised.

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